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Extension of the first country cooperation framework for Vanuatu

Note by the Administrator

Period of extension:
1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002

I. Background and justification

1. At its third regular session 1997, the Executive Board approved the first country cooperation framework (CCF) for Vanuatu, for the period 1997 to 2001. A one-year extension of the first CCF has been requested, to enable the country office to formulate the second CCF within the context of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and synchronize the programme period with of the programming cycles of other United Nations agencies in the country.

2. The CCF focuses on two priority areas identified by government and civil society representatives as strategic in promoting sustainable human development in Vanuatu, namely, assistance to disadvantaged groups in Vanuatu and strengthening public sector management and local structures. This approach was supported by the initial CCF review, undertaken in July 2000. It was also noted that critical support was needed to strengthen vertical and cross-sectoral linkages, nationally and regionally, to achieve the stated outcomes of the CCF. The CCF takes into account and supports the new vision of UNDP of upstream policy development by collaborative actions on the ground. This is to be achieved through wide consultative mechanisms to identify and develop the necessary enabling environment for effective poverty eradication through sustainable livelihood means, which feed upwards through local, provincial and national governance structures. Specific targets are: (a) strengthening institutional capacity in formal and non-formal sectors; (b) closer linkages between microfinancing focus areas, land access and governance, to allow projects to be mutually self-supporting; (c) promoting sustainable livelihoods among the most disadvantaged groups, by focusing on the provincial government as the centre of growth and development to address the problem of uneven development; and (d) maximizing linkages with civil society and non-governmental organizations, the private sector and other Pacific subregional projects.

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II. Objectives

3. The CCF review confirmed that the thematic direction of the CCF was very much in line with government priorities, particularly in relation to the key objectives of the next phase of the Comprehensive Reform Programme (CRP), which include: (a) entrenching and deepening the reforms already introduced; (b) extending governance reforms to embrace the Parliament and the legal sector; (c) promoting economic growth; (d) strengthening the focus on social reforms to ensure that the benefits of the CRP are shared and that reform is sustained; and (e) achieving improvements in economic conditions and service delivery at the provincial, local and village levels.

III. Recommendation

4. The Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the first country cooperation framework for Vanuatu for a period of one year, 1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002.

Annex

Resource mobilization target table for Vanuatu (1997-2002)

Source	*Amount (In thousands of United States dollars)*	*Comments*
UNDP regular resources		
Estimated IPF carry-over	585	Includes AOS
TRAC 1.1.1	494	Assigned immediately to country
TRAC 1.1.2	0 to 66.7 per cent of TRAC 1.1.1	This range of percentages is presented for initial planning purposes only. The actual assignment will depend on the availability of high-quality programmes. Any increase in the range of percentages would also be subject to availability of resources.
SPPD/STS	81	
Subtotal	**1 160** [a]	
UNDP other resources		
Government cost-sharing	0	
Third party cost-sharing	0	
Funds, trust funds and other	25	
of which:		
GEF	25	
Subtotal	**25**	
Grand total	**1 185**[a]	

[a] Not inclusive of TRAC 1.1.2, which is allocated regionally for subsequent country application.

Abbreviations: AOS = administrative and operational services; GEF = Global Environmental Facility; IPF = indicative planning figure; SPPD = support for policy and programme development; STS = support for technical services; and TRAC = target for resource assignment from the core.